DEAR HAROLD,
ON SECOND THOUGHT - I'M SENDING YOU THE ORIGINAL - OF YOUR LETTER. MUCH AS IT MEANS TO ME - I JUST DON'T SAVE LETTERS.

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HAROLD,

JUST A NOTE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LAST LETTER. YOU CERTAINLY KNEW SIDNEY AS FEW DID. I FIND YOUR COMMENTS VERY INTERESING INDEED.

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND XEROX OF YOUR RECENT LETTER AS LIL TOLD ME SHE DIDN'T MAKE A COPY. MOST TIMES - I THROW OLD LETTERS OUT - (SOMETHING MY GRANDMOTHER SAID A LONG TIME AGO. SOMETHING ABOUT NOT LIVING IN THE PAST.) HOWEVER - WITH YOUR BUSINESS - I CAN WELL SEE WHY YOU KEEP COPIES.

ALSO ENCLOSED - A XEROX OF KATHARINE (NO LONGER "KATHY") 'S PIECE ON FISHING. SHE HAS THE TECHNIQUE AND PRECISE USE OF LANGUAGE WHICH DELIGHTS THE INNER EAR. HER WRITING IS LIKE A WELL PRESENTED DINNER - EVERYTHING ARRANGED AND IN ORDER TO BE BOTH APPITIZING AND ATTRACTIVE TO THE EYE. MY WRITING IS LIKE A McDONALD'S MEAL. EASILY DIGESTABLE - ACCESSABLE - PLAIN AS A BAKED POTATO.

KATHARINE'S CHILDREN, CHARLOTTE AND LUCY, ARE SHOWING TALENT. CHARLOTTE PLAYS PIANO NOT BECAUSE HER MOTHER WANTS HER TOO BUT BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO. SHE HAS AIREADY COMPOSED SOME LITTLE PIECES OF HER OWN. IS THIS HER GREAT-GRANDMOTHER'S TALENT COMING THROUGH? LUCY - MEANWHILE - IS A DANCER. THEY BOTH PAINT. THEY READ A LOT. THEIRS IS A PERFECT CHILDHOOD IF ANYONE'S IS. AND THEY DESERVE IT. THEY ARE GREAT KIDS.

I AM - FINALLY - GOING TO SEE OLIVER STONE'S JFK FRIDAY. AM CURRENTLY WRITING A SERIES OF REVIEWS ATTEMPTING PUBLICATION IN A SMALL NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE. WILL SEND YOU THE JFK PIECE [redacted] WHEN I WRITE IT.

SPEAKING OF WRITING - I'D MUCH APPRECIATE GETTING COPIES OF YOUR BOOKS. THE LAST ONE I REMEMBER IS PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITE WASH. THOUGH I WAS PRETTY YOUNG BACK THEN, I RECALL SEVERAL LONG CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU ON THE SUBJECT OF JFK'S MURDER. YOU NEVER TALKED DOWN TO KIDS. I REMEMBER

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OUR CONVERSATIONS VIVIDLY.

I READ RECENTLY THAT ONE OF THE THREE TRAMPS - PRESENT IN DALLAS IN 11/63 - WAS THE CONVICTED FELON FATHER OF ACTOR WOODY HARRELSON WHO PLAYS THE BARTENDER ON TV'S CHEERS. HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS?

AND I REALIZED - THE OTHER DAY - THAT FORMER PRESIDENT FORD IS THE LAST OF THE WARREN COMMISSION STILL ALIVE. HISTORY IS NOT A STUDY OF BYGONE TIMES. WE ARE LIVING IT EVERY DAY. IT'S AMAZING HOW FAST TIME PASSES. 29 YEARS SINCE 1963 AND I STILL REMEMBER IT LIKE YESTERDAY.

OH WELL - YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN READ THIS. ENJOY THE PIECE KATHARINE WROTE.

all Best
John